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Main Entry: **1**arc [Pronunciation Guide](#)

Pronunciation: 'ärk, 'äk

Function: *noun*

Inflected Form(s): -s

Etymology: Middle English *ark*, from Middle French *arc*, from
Latin *arcus* bow, arc -- more at [ARROW](#)

1 : the apparent path described above and below the horizon by
the sun or other celestial body

2 : something that is arched or curved : an arched or curved
shape or figure <with eyebrows raised in a quizzical *arc*> <he
bent the twig into an *arc*>: as **a** *obsolete* : **ARCH** <triumphal
arcs -- John Milton> **b** : a geologic or topographic feature
repeated along a curving line on the earth's surface <island *arcs*
... so well developed in the western Pacific -- F.P.Shepard>

<volcanic *arcs*> **c** (1) : a sustained brilliantly luminous glow
sometimes having the appearance of a curved line of flame that
is formed under certain conditions when a break is made in an
electric circuit (2) : a spotlight or lamp that uses an electric arc
as the light source **d** : one of the curved stripes that close the
open angle at the bottom or top of certain chevrons on military
uniforms **e** : the quarter circle enclosing the service box on a
squash rackets court

3 : a continuous portion of a curved line or path (as part of a
circle or an ellipse)

4 : angular measure -- used chiefly in the phrase *of arc* <11
minutes 3 seconds of *arc*>

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Main Entry: **ver·tex** [Pronunciation Guide](#)

Pronunciation: 'vər]_teks, 'vā], 'vəi]

Function: *noun*Inflected Form(s): *plural verti·ces* \]d.ə,sēz,]tə-; *also vertexes* \]_teksəz\Etymology: Latin *vertex*, *vortex* whirl, whirlpool, highest point, peak, from Latin *vertere* to turn -- more at [WORTH](#)

1 a (1) : the point opposite to and farthest from the base in a figure (2) : the termination or intersection of lines or curves <the *vertex* of an angle> (3) : a point where an axis of an ellipse, parabola, or hyperbola intersects the curve itself **b** : the point of intersection of an axially symmetrical optical surface with its axis of symmetry **c** (1) : [ZENITH](#) 1; *also* : the point on the limb of a celestial body nearest the zenith (2) : a point on the celestial sphere toward which star streaming is directed

2 : the top of the head: as **a** : the upper part of the head of an insect in front above the antennae and between the compound eyes **b** (1) : the highest point of the human skull when held in the eye-ear plane (2) : the highest median point of the head of the living human when in a natural position

3 : a principal or highest point : [SUMMIT](#), [APEX](#) <a monument on the *vertex* of the hill commands a breathtaking view>; *often* : the high point of an arch : [CROWN](#), [KEystone](#)

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